

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121:

1. (previously amended) A computer implemented Web-based tool for managing used assets comprising:

enabling submission of a surplus item into an active items list in the web-based tool, wherein the surplus item is no longer being used by a direct user;

assessing a financial value and condition of the surplus item; and

enabling a company to determine a disposition path for the surplus item based on the assessment of the surplus item,

wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises any one of disposition paths including scrapping the surplus item, donating the surplus item, reselling the surplus item, refurbishing the surplus item for reuse, and enabling reuse of the surplus item within the company, and

wherein enabling the reuse of the surplus item within the company further comprises:

comparing, by the web-based tool, a description of the surplus item with items that have been waitlisted by an employee;

if a match is found,

placing, by the tool, the surplus item on reserve in an on-line personal catalogue;

notifying, by the tool, the employee who waitlisted the item that the surplus item has been put on reserve; and

enabling the employee to order the item within a first predetermined time period; and

if the match is not found,

placing the surplus item in an on-line public catalogue to allow an employee to order surplus items from the on-line public catalogue, wherein the surplus item will remain in the on-line public catalogue within a second predetermined time period,

wherein an employee orders a surplus item for use within the company, not for personal use.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises scrapping the surplus item when there is no value left in the surplus item.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises donating the surplus item when the surplus item has value yet is no longer beneficial to the company.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises reselling the surplus item when the resell value of the surplus item outweighs the benefit of the company keeping the surplus item.

5. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises refurbishing the surplus item for reuse of the surplus item within the company, when the surplus item has value to the company, but is in need of repairs.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises enabling the reuse of the surplus item within the company when the surplus item provides value for the company.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein assessing the financial value and condition of the surplus item comprises reviewing product information, depreciation information, and asset information about the surplus item.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises reselling the surplus item, wherein reselling the surplus item comprises:

determining a reseller;

adding the surplus item to a lot for the reseller; and

shipping the surplus item to the reseller.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising updating one or more databases based on results for the disposition path chosen for the surplus item.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein if the surplus item remains in the catalogue within the second predetermined time period without being ordered by an employee, the method further comprises removing the surplus item from the on-line public catalogue for re-evaluation.

12. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein enabling the employee to order the item within a first predetermined time period comprises removing the surplus item from reserve if the employee does not order the surplus item.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
enabling one or more employees to browse an on-line public catalogue to search for wanted surplus items;
if the wanted surplus item is found,
ordering the surplus item;
awaiting approval of the ordered surplus item;
if the ordered surplus item is approved,
enabling the surplus item to be shipped to the employee;
notifying the employee that the surplus item has been shipped;
awaiting a response from the employee that the surplus item has been received; and
updating one or more databases with information regarding the surplus item upon receipt of the response.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing incentive credits to employees for submitting surplus items that are reused within the company.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising sending appreciation emails to employees for submitting surplus items that are reused within the company.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
enabling one or more employees to browse an on-line public catalogue to search for wanted surplus items;
if the wanted surplus item is not found, then waitlisting the surplus item, wherein the employee who waitlisted the surplus item is given priority over the waitlisted item.

17. (previously amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having a plurality of machine accessible instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a processor, the instructions provide for enabling submission of a surplus item into an active items list, wherein the surplus item is no longer being used by a direct user;

assessing a financial value and condition of the surplus item; and
enabling a company to determine a disposition path for the surplus item based on the assessment of the surplus item,

wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises any one of disposition paths including scrapping the surplus item, donating the surplus item, reselling the surplus item, refurbishing the surplus item for reuse, and enabling reuse of the surplus item within the company, and

wherein enabling the reuse of the surplus item within the company further comprises:

comparing, by the web-based tool, a description of the surplus item with items that have been waitlisted by an employee;

if a match is found,

placing, by the tool, the surplus item on reserve in an on-line personal catalogue;

notifying, by the tool, the employee who waitlisted the item that the surplus item has been put on reserve; and
enabling the employee to order the item within a first predetermined time period; and
if the match is not found,
placing the surplus item in an on-line public catalogue to allow an employee to order surplus items from the on-line public catalogue, wherein the surplus item will remain in the on-line public catalogue within a second predetermined time period,
wherein an employee orders a surplus item for use within the company, not for personal use.

18. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for scrapping the surplus item when there is no value left in the surplus item.

19. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for donating the surplus item when the surplus item has value yet is no longer beneficial to the company.

20. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for reselling the surplus item when the resell value of the surplus item outweighs the benefit of the company keeping the surplus item.

21. (previously amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for refurbishing the surplus item for reuse of the surplus item within the company, when the surplus item has value to the company, but is in need of repairs.

22. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for enabling the reuse of the surplus item within the company when the surplus item provides value for the company.

23. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein instructions for assessing the financial value and condition of the surplus item comprises instructions for reviewing product information, depreciation information, and asset information about the surplus item.

24. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the disposition path for the surplus item comprises instructions for reselling the surplus item, wherein the instructions for reselling the surplus item comprise:

- determining a reseller;
- adding the surplus item to a lot for the reseller; and
- shipping the surplus item to the reseller.

25. (original) The article of claim 17, further comprising instructions for updating one or more databases based on results for the disposition path chosen for the surplus item.

26. (canceled)

27. (previously amended) The article of claim ~~26~~ 17, wherein if the surplus item remains in the catalogue within the second predetermined time period without being ordered by an employee, the instructions further comprise instructions for removing the surplus item from the on-line public catalogue for re-evaluation.

28. (previously amended) The article of claim 17, wherein instructions for enabling the employee to order the item within a first predetermined time period comprises instructions for removing the surplus item from reserve if the employee does not order the surplus item.

29. (original) The article of claim 17, further comprising instructions for:

enabling one or more employees to browse an on-line public catalogue to search for wanted surplus items;

if the wanted surplus item is found,

ordering the surplus item;

awaiting approval of the ordered surplus item;

if the ordered surplus item is approved,

enabling the surplus item to be shipped to the employee;

notifying the employee that the surplus item has been shipped;

awaiting a response from the employee that the surplus item has been received; and

updating one or more databases with information regarding the surplus item upon receipt of the response.

30. (original) The article of claim 29, further comprising instructions for providing incentive credits to employees for submitting surplus items that are reused within the company.

31. (original) The article of claim 29, further comprising instructions for sending appreciation emails to employees for submitting surplus items that are reused within the company.

32. (original) The article of claim 17, further comprising instructions for:
enabling one or more employees to browse an on-line public catalogue to search for wanted surplus items;
if the wanted surplus item is not found, then waitlisting the surplus item, wherein the employee who waitlisted the surplus item is given priority over the waitlisted item.